

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 10-13, 28-31, and 46-49 are allowed. Claims 6-8, 24-26, and 42-44 are newly cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-5, 9, 14-23, 27, 32-41, 45, 50-54 were previously cancelled. Claims 10-13, 28-31, 46-49 are pending and under consideration. This amendment is believed to place the application in condition for allowance, and entry therefore is respectfully requested. In the alternative, entry of this amendment is requested as placing the application in better condition for appeal by, at least, reducing the number of issues outstanding.

Entry of Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

The Applicant requests entry of this Rule 116 Response because the amendments were not earlier presented because the Applicant believed in good faith that the cited references did not disclose the present invention as previously claimed. No new features or new issues are being raised.

The Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (M.P.E.P.) sets forth in Section 714.12 that “any amendment that would place the case either in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal may be entered.” Moreover, Section 714.13 sets forth that “the Proposed Amendment should be given sufficient consideration to determine whether the claims are in condition for allowance and/or whether the issues on appeal are simplified.” The M.P.E.P. further articulates that the reason for any non-entry should be explained expressly in the Advisory Action.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Office Action, at page 2, numbered paragraphs 4-5, claim 6 was rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 because the recited limitation “said display area” in line 13 lacked sufficient antecedent basis. Claim 6 has been cancelled. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 112 rejection is respectfully requested.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action, at pages 2-4, numbered paragraph 6, claims 6-8, 24-26, and 42-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Rivette et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,623,681).

Claims 6-8, 24-26, and 42-44 have been cancelled. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 102 rejections is respectfully requested.

III. Allowed Claims

In the Office Action, at page 2, numbered paragraph 2, claims 10-13, 28-31, and 46-49 were indicated as allowed. Since only allowed claims 10-13, 28-31, and 46-49 remain in the present application, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Claims 10-13, 28-31, and 46-49 are pending and under consideration.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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